

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: H. ARITA et al
Serial No. 09/290,170
Filed: April 13, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2836
Examiner: F. Fleming
For: ENERGY AND POWER INTERCHANGE
SYSTEM AND ITS METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as set forth below.

Page 1, before the first line of the specification please insert the sentence:

--This application is a continuation application of U.S.

Serial No. 09/290,170, filed April 13, 1999.--

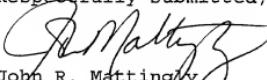
IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 2-18.

REMARKS

Entry and examination of the foregoing amendments is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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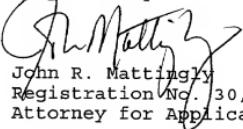
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTIONS

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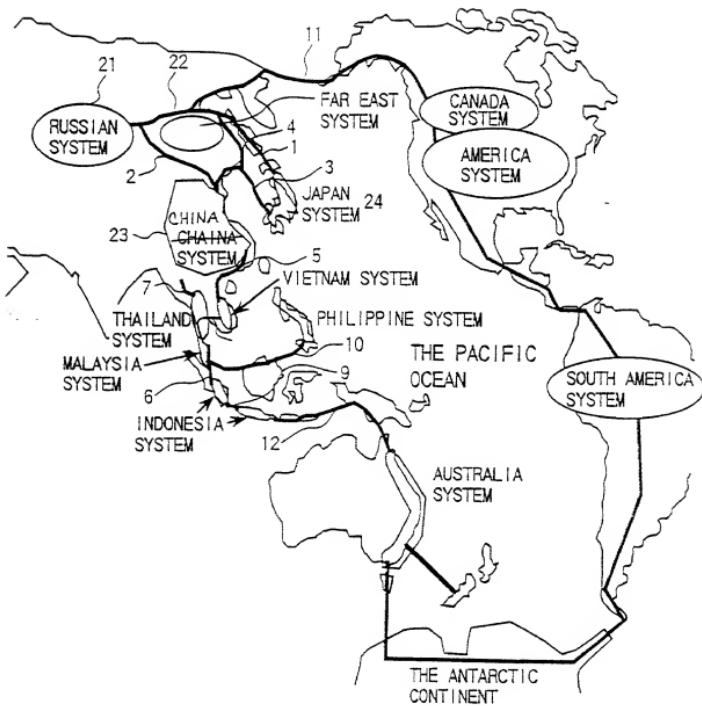
The applicants request approval of the proposed drawing corrections indicated on the attached copies of Figs. 1-4, 6, 11, and 14, to correct minor informalities and to label elements in accordance with a requirement of the Examiner. These drawing corrections are the same as those requested in parent application Ser. No. 09/290,170 on November 30, 2000.

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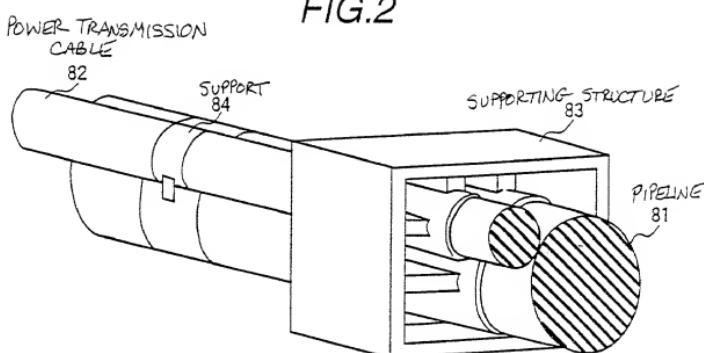
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FIG. 1



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FIG.2



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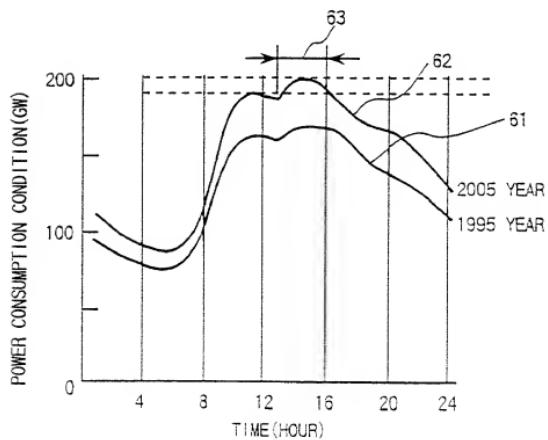
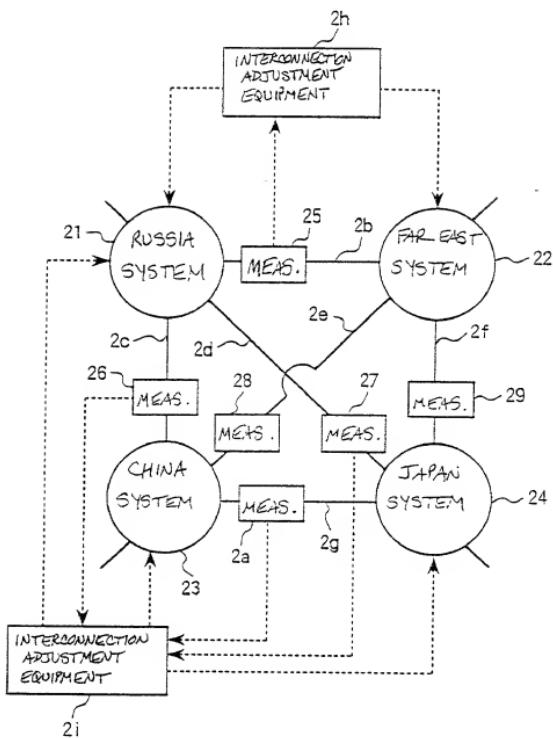


FIG.3



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FIG.4

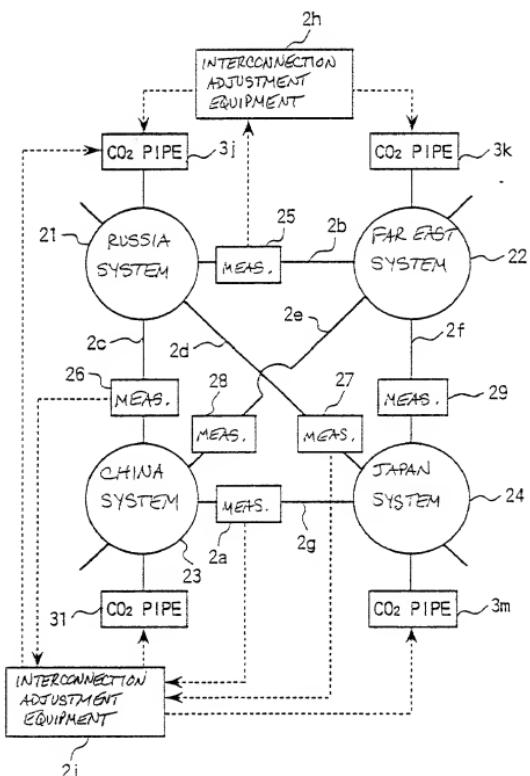
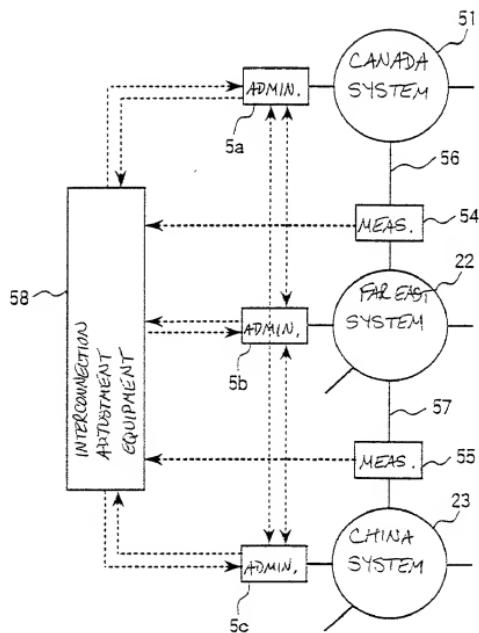


FIG.6



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